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Food. Foragers in Philly

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▶ David Siller leads a foraging adventure through the city's biggest park yesterday morning.

Fairmount Park as a giant garden

Put those heads of romaine lettuce in your supermarket vegetable aisle down. Free versions of salad ingredients are just a quick trip to Fairmount Park away. A foraging subculture is rising in the city and we've experienced it firsthand. {page 02}

Freedom for Iran hikers may come soon

Elkins Park native Josh Fattal's future hinges on ruling after one-day trial on two-year anniversary of arrest Lawyer confident time served 'enough' {page 04}

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Foraging grows in Fairmount Park

Group descends on park to pick wild eats ◗ Reasons for 'foodies' interest apolitical ◗ Some foresee society's end, others want to meet Mother Nature

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▶ Siller, right, and fellow wild foodies Sarah Gabriel, left, and Miriam Schussler-Fiorenza chowed down on one of several edible weeds they found in Fairmount Park yesterday.

Urban foraging is a growing trend. And some scavengers' motivations, made more pressing by the looming debt crisis, may surprise you.

"I think there's a particular interest in the subject because of the economy. I think people feel like the political parties have not responded to environmental issues and to issues of supporting the local economy," said Wild Foodies founder Lynn Landes. "Some people do this out of a certain amount of frustration."

At a Wild Foodies meetup behind Fairmount Park's Japanese House, foraging expert David Siller extolled the benefits of sourwood, clover and clearweed to members who sampled the edibles while discussing their reasons for attending the scavenger's how-to.

"Fear of scarcity is very much so a motivation. I think there will be food shortages — there are now," said Jerry Simotus, an Upper Darby retiree. "I have absolutely no faith in the way the government is handling its business."

But will knowing how to make mead from sorrel and tea from honey locusts pods really come in handy if there is a food supply-chain meltdown?

"There's a deep security if you know how to live in nature," said nurse Hugh Brenner, 57, who leads his own nature walks. "A lot of people come to these because they think the government is going to collapse and the grocery truck will stop coming — and that's valid. But anything that gets you outside is good."

Siller simply wants people to dig Mother Nature.

"While there are some people who truly believe that they are acting in their best interest to prevent themselves from catastrophes, every time they're trying to tell me the world is going to s—, my personal opinion is not to act in fear," Siller said. "That is not doing it because you truly believe it in your heart."

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Edible weeds

Some Philadelphia-area wild edibles that are currently in season:

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- Sourwood
- Wild violet

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Finding Mother Nature

Not everyone shares the same motivations, especially younger foragers, who express a desire to reconnect with nature.

"It's something our ancestors knew and we strayed away from," said homemaker Tiffany Roberts.

And then there's the trend factor. Popular restaurants buy and serve Siller's veggies, and urban farmers markets peddling local foods are in vogue.

"I feel like a lot of people will latch onto the idea because it's popular politically," Siller said. METRO/AW

In the news

Charity matron dead at 90

Philadelphia's philanthropic community lost a titan yesterday with the death of Ruth Perelman. Ruth and husband Raymond are perhaps the best-known donors to cultural and academic institutions like Perelman Theater and the University of Pennsylvania's medical school.

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▶ South Street wilding

Ramsey, Nutter to address mob attacks

Police Commissioner Ramsey and Mayor Michael Nutter are expected early this week to publicly address additional efforts to combat mob attacks, a police spokeswoman said.

Police patrols on Friday and Saturday have already been stepped up since swarms of kids attacked bystanders last month, but it was not enough to stem the tide of those who attacked two men in separate incidents Friday in Center City.

Police made four arrests on two counts of aggravated assault; one suspect was only 11 years old. METRO/AW

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Findings of court report released

CENTER CITY. Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Seamus McCaffery is holding a press conference this morning to discuss the Chadwick report, which took an in-depth look at new reforms of the city's swamped justice system.

McCaffery and local officials with the First Judicial District will discuss findings in the report, commissioned by the state Supreme Court to study those reforms mandated 18 months ago by the U.S. Justice Department.

Some findings include increasing bail collections after years of stagnation or decline, more manageable caseloads for judges and special courts for specific charges that have oiled the gears of criminal justice in the city.

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Art. Dance Day

▶ Students learn the basics at a Master Jay's Moves Dance Studio pole dance class.

Grooving out in the city

In celebration of the "So You Think You Can Dance" second annual National Dance Day, Philly showed off some moves of its own this weekend. Philadelphia Dance Day, organized by Deborah Hirsch of Philly Dance Fitness, featured 16 free workshops taught by seven companies at studios around the city. METRO/AW

Hikers' attorney upbeat on verdict

After short trial, ruling expected this week Lawyer believes in their release because of a 'reliance on God'

Elkins Park native Josh Fattal and fellow American Shane Bauer finally had their day in an Iranian court, coincidentally on the two-year anniversary of their imprisonment on charges of espionage and illegal entry.

No verdict was issued yesterday in the highly suspect case against the men, jailed after their arrest July 31, 2009, while hiking along the Iraq-Iran border. Their attorney, Masoud Shafii, told French press organization AFP that Iranian law requires a ruling within a week of trial.

"The court session ended, the judge announced the end of proceedings, I did a complete defense, Josh and Shane did so also, and I also defended Sarah. The court will issue its ruling in a week," Shafii said, noting "reliance on God" for a fair verdict.

▶ Josh Fattal

Shafii seemed confident the verdict would be a good one for the young Americans when he talked of the trial to AFP last week.

"I believe that they are innocent. The espionage charges have no relevance. Even if the court does not accept my defense, the two years they've spent behind bars is punishment enough," Shafii said of the illegal entry charge.

After the hearing, held at 2 a.m. EST, the families of Fattal and Bauer said, "We are pleased that today's hearing was the final session in the case. We pray that the Iranian authorities will show compassion to Shane and Josh." BRIAN X. McCRONE

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▶ A girl holds a sign at a protest in the Cypriot capital Nicosia.

80 killed in Syrian attack

AMMAN. Syrian tanks firing shells and machine guns stormed the city of Hama yesterday, killing 80 civilians, rights activists said, in one of the bloodiest days in a popular revolt against President Bashar al-Assad.

The assault on Hama, scene of a 1982 massacre when Assad's father crushed an Islamist uprising, began at dawn on the eve of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan after security forces laid siege to the city for almost a month. **REUTERS**

Probe sought in reporter's death

KABUL. An Afghan journalists' group called yesterday for a government investigation into the death of a reporter killed when suicide bombers stormed government buildings in south Afghanistan.

Omed Khpalwak, a local reporter for BBC and Afghan news agency Pajhwok, was killed along with 18 others, including 12 young children, during an hours-long gunbattle that followed the initial attacks in the province of Uruzgan on Thursday. **REUTERS**

Obama announces debt deal reached

- Plan would raise debt ceiling through 2012, cut spending by $1 trillion
- Boehner says deal's not perfect, but wants to bring it to a vote quickly

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▶ President Barack Obama delivered the news last night that a debt compromise had finally been reached.

President Barack Obama said last night that leaders of both parties in the U.S. House and Senate had approved an agreement to raise the nation's debt ceiling and cut the federal deficit.

"The leaders of both parties in both chambers have reached an agreement that will reduce the deficit and avoid default," Obama said at the White House.

Congressional leaders are sifting through the details of the tentative bipartisan agreement to raise the debt ceiling, preparing to sell the deal to skeptical Republicans and Democrats ahead of possible votes today.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid endorsed the emerging accord among Republican leaders and the Obama administration even as negotiators were working out the final details. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell told senators last night that the U.S. will not default on its obligations.

The framework would raise the $14.3 trillion debt ceiling through 2012, cut spending by about $1 trillion and call for enactment of a law shaving another $1.5 trillion from long-term debt by 2021 — or institute punishing reductions across all government areas, including Medicare and defense programs, according to congressional officials.

Across the Capitol, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California said she was reserving judgment on the plan until she could see details and discuss them with fellow Democrats, some of whom were already voicing concern that the package calls for steep spending cuts with no tax increases to help shrink the deficit.

"We all may not be able to support it — or none of us may be able to support it," she told reporters at the Capitol. **BLOOMBERG**

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Markets react

- Equities rose while gold and the yen dropped early today, with investors cutting safety trades after Washington reached a last minute deal to escape default, though the top U.S. credit rating could still be downgraded.
- U.S. S&P 500 stock futures bounced 1.4 percent and futures on U.S. Treasuries — which have maintained their haven status despite being at the eye of the debt ceiling impasse — slid.
- Investors were still on guard though since the plan, which is likely to come to a vote in Congress today, may not necessarily satisfy Standard & Poor's enough to keep the U.S. triple-A debt rating.

Boehner wants to vote soon

House Speaker John Boehner told fellow Republicans yesterday that he aims to bring a debt-ceiling deal up for a vote "as soon as possible" even though it is not perfect, his office said.

"My hope would be to file it and have it on the floor as soon as possible," Boehner said. "This isn't the greatest deal in the world. But it shows how much we've changed the terms of the debate in this town."

The U.S. Senate will likely vote today on a proposal, a senior congressional aide said. **REUTERS**

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▶ Younes tribute march

Rebels clash with Gaddafi loyalists

Rebel forces fought gunmen loyal to Muammar Gaddafi in eastern Libya yesterday in the latest incident to undermine the insurgents' grip in territory they hold.

The clashes renewed opposition fears that Gaddafi's agents had infiltrated the area, days after the mysterious killing of the rebel military commander.

The assassination of Gen. Abdel Fattah Younes, apparently by gunmen on his own side, has hurt the opposition just as it was winning broader international recognition and making gains against Gaddafi's forces in the western mountains and elsewhere. **REUTERS**

Women in science: STEM taking root

Female jobs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics are on the rise Get the right degree

As demands for advances in the fields of engineering and science grow, women are increasingly interested in joining those fields.

According to the National Science Foundation, the amount of women engaging in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, has grown significantly since the 1970s. Fewer than 78,000 women were enrolled as graduate students in science and engineering in 1977 — compared with nearly 232,000 in 2008.

Still, men overwhelmingly dominate STEM fields. So what is preventing women from fully taking the field by storm?

One theory is that young girls have traditionally been taught that math and science are for boys, while they should focus more on literature and writing.

Many women in STEM professions say more women need to pursue careers in these fields. History is probably a good indicator that it's just a matter of time. After all, it wasn't long ago that you wouldn't see a woman's name on a ballot for a major election or listed as CEO of a Fortune 500 company.

It might not be long before they become front and center in the world of math and science, too.

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▶ Organizations like the Association for Women in Science and the Society of Women Engineers promote educational advancement for females in the fields of science and math.

Worthy degrees

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1 If hydrocarbons are your passion, you're in luck. A degree in petroleum engineering firmly tops off the list with a starting pay average of $97,900. The mid-career salary average is $155,000.

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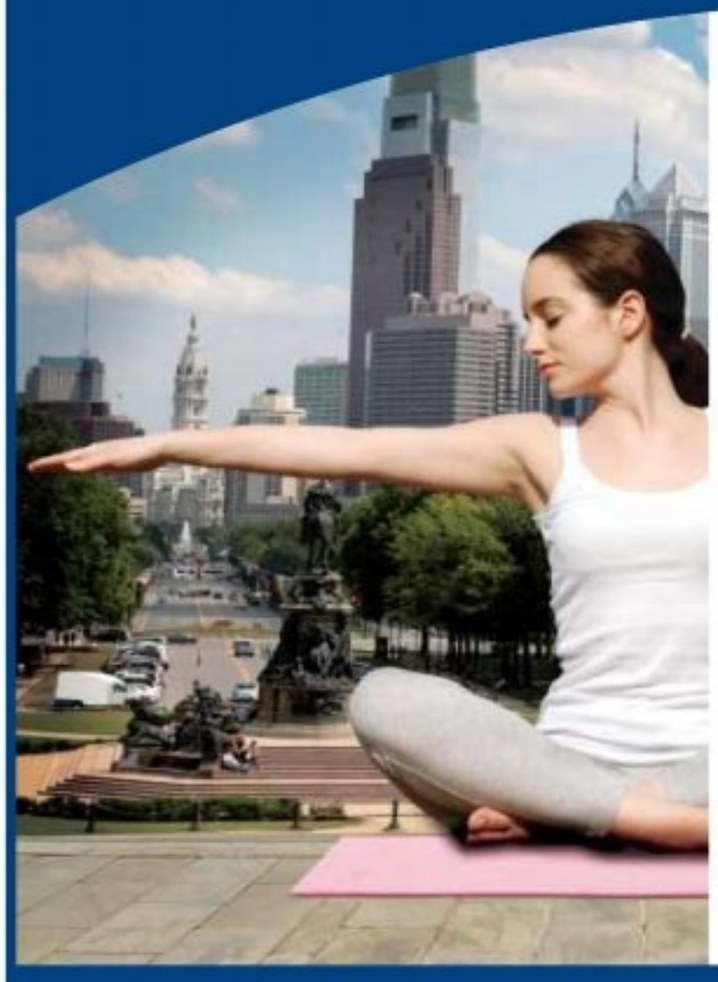

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Fieri: Not that 'Guy'

Being one of the Food Network's biggest stars — and host of the popular game show "Minute to Win It" — comes with its perks, but also its downfalls. For **Guy Fieri**, it's the hair-gelled copycats who fool his legions of fans that really get him upset.

"We get quite a few requests for autographs. I mean, every week I sign a hundred or so ... but [some] fans will send a picture and it's them and an impostor," Fieri told Metro at the Atlantic City Food and Wine Festival over the weekend (apparently there was one of these impostors at the fest). "And I'll send it back, and I'll send them a picture, and I'll autograph it and say: 'I'm very sorry, this isn't me.' And they're heartbroken, because these clowns stand there and don't say, 'No, I'm not Guy.'"

▶ Fieri at the Food Network's 2011 Atlantic City Food and Wine Festival at Caesars.

Take note, fans: Next time you see a guy sporting a flame-embossed T-shirt, a goatee and sunglasses inside, think twice before snapping a photo with him. Instead of the famed Fieri, it could just be someone with really bad fashion sense.

— Reporting by Meredith Engel

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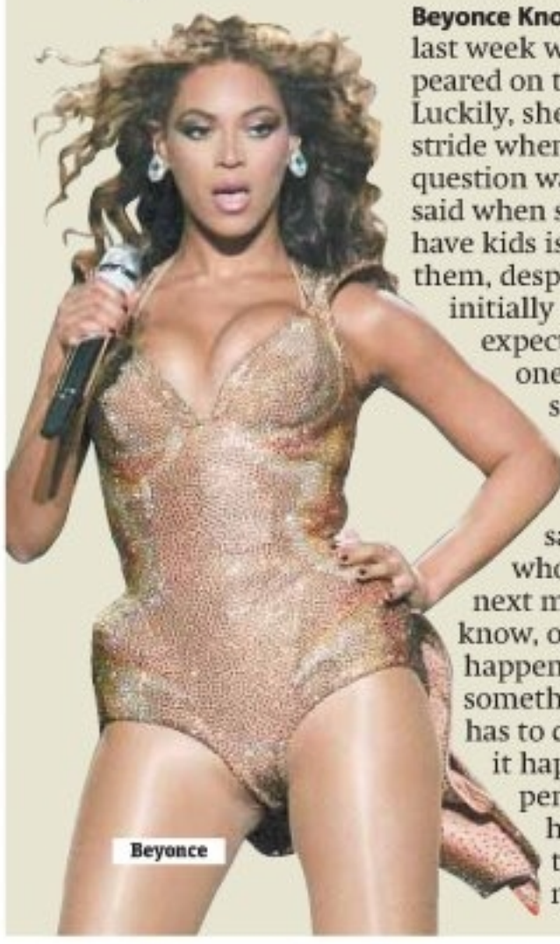
The next tattoo

Metro got the scoop on **Fieri**'s next possible tattoo: "I think I'm getting a joker card or a Jack, one of the two, of [my kids] Hunter and Ryder, and one side of the card will be Hunter and the other side will be Ryder, just because they are a couple jokers," Fieri says. "I don't know. I have a million ideas. I'm always dropping them down on napkins and going to my tattoo artist and talking about them."

Stop making so much sense, Beyonce

You think it's bad having your mother ask you when you're going to have a baby? Just try facing the harpies at "The View." The thought alone is enough to make your ovaries hide behind the couch.

That's exactly what **Beyonce Knowles** faced last week when she appeared on the talk show. Luckily, she took it in stride when the baby question was asked. She said when she and **Jay-Z** have kids isn't up to them, despite having initially said she expected to have one by the time she was 30. "I thought 30 was so old back then," says Beyonce, who turns 30 next month. "You know, one day [it will happen]. That's something that God has to decide. When it happens, it happens. I'm just so happy to be in this place in my life."



Beyonce

The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or less.**

Today, Ashton Kutcher is ready for some football, Britney Spears is trying new things, Bruno Mars is getting frustrated with grammar and Bette Midler is an expert on same-sex weddings.

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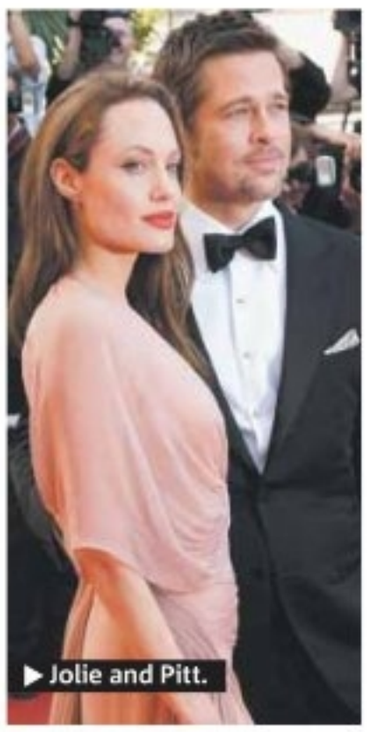
Talking points

Angelina knows who she is

Angelina Jolie doesn't love acting as much as she used to, she tells the Financial Times. "I think when I was younger, I needed it more. I was trying to question things in life, so you find these characters that help you find things and grow," she explains. "I'm older, and I know who I am." And while she isn't necessarily talking retirement, Jolie says she and **Brad Pitt**'s days in Hollywood are numbered. "As Brad and I get older, we're going to do fewer films," she says. "We've had a nice run, and I don't want to be doing this our whole lives. There are a lot of other things to do."

He's not a player ... really

Rumors of **Ryan Reynolds**' post-divorce dating life have been greatly exaggerated, the actor insists. "Right now I seem to be on a speed-dating mission — at least according to those rumors that are going around," Reynolds says, according to Hollyscoop. "Even my mom is confused. No man is potent enough to be able to go through as many women as that in such a short amount of time like I allegedly have." As for his actual love life, Reynolds says he's still getting over his split from **Scarlett Johansson**: "I'm just giving myself time to put everything that has happened behind me, and I'm taking things as they come. But I'm going to be ready for a relationship again soon," he says.



▶ Jolie and Pitt.

Miley Cyrus' latest ink

To show her support for same-sex marriage, **Miley Cyrus** has had an equal sign tattooed on her right ring finger. The Disney star showed off the new ink with a photo posted on Twitter, adding that "all love is equal." One Cyrus fan was quick to disagree with her stance, to which Cyrus replied, "Where does it say in the Bible to judge others? Oh right, it doesn't. God is the only judge, honey. 'God is love.'"

Weekend styles of the rich and famous

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1: A recently married Rachel Weisz popped up at the after-party of a screening for her new movie, "The Whistleblower," hosted by the Cinema Society and Dior Beauty at Jimmy at the James in New York on Wednesday.

2: Pay no attention to the film they're promoting: Freida Pinto and James Franco looked great together on the red carpet for "The Rise of the Planet of the Apes."

3: Super Saturday 14 co-host Kelly Ripa at Saturday's benefit in New York.

4: Alan Cumming and his furry friend attended the "Voluptuous Panic" benefit Saturday at the Watermill Center in Water Mill, N.Y.

5: Rachel Zoe at Super Saturday 14.

6: Melanie Fiona performed Monday night at Le Bain at The Standard in New York for the Steve Madden Music's 2011 Summer Concert Series.

7: Lil Wayne performed at the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, N.J., on Friday night.

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Neil Patrick Harris gets blue

The 'Smurfs' star shares his grown-up thoughts about the beloved children's franchise
Those under 18 probably shouldn't read this interview

Aside from getting the chance to help update a beloved franchise, there was one main draw about starring in "The Smurfs" for Neil Patrick Harris: It was nothing like his over-the-top "How I Met Your Mother" character. "I spend six and a half [or] seven months a year playing the chewing-on-the-scenery Barney Stinson, and so I look for a role that is different than him in some way during my off-time," he says. And his character, Patrick Winslow, a father-to-be and put-upon marketing exec whose New York apartment becomes a hideout for refugee Smurfs, is indeed nothing like Barney.

The character is also apparently a departure from Harris himself, who admits he wouldn't be as welcoming as his onscreen persona if a gaggle of little blue people were to invade his home. "I'd probably tase them and keep them in a small box and quickly find a reality show or some way to make a profit from it, travel around like the Warner Bros. cartoon with the frog," he says before stopping to consider the severity of his answer. "I'm Gargamel, apparently."

"I'd probably tase them and keep them in a small box and quickly find a reality show or some way to make a profit from it, travel around like the Warner Bros. cartoon with the frog. I'm Gargamel, apparently." HARRIS

The notoriously sunny actor strays to the darker side of humor again when pressed on what his Smurf name would be. "I'd be Snuff Smurf, and I'd end the suffering of all the dying Smurfs everywhere," he says, grinning, before thinking better of himself. "That was a dark answer," he says. "Let's say Magical Smurf because I like magic."

Just because Harris has now starred alongside the legendary Smurfs doesn't mean all his questions have been answered, though. "Who's shagging Smurfette, really? I want to know what's going on late at night in Smurf Village," he says. "Does she get passed from Smurf to Smurf? Is she a one-Smurf girl? Is Papa involved? That doesn't seem right at all. She could swing the other way. You never know."

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'A beast was born'

▶ Sia is known for tap-dancing through life — metaphorically, of course.

Aussie singer Sia on her destiny and the sad incident that led to her big break

It seems that we are born and then spend the rest of our lives finding out who we are. At least, Sia — the uber-bubbly Australian pop singer-songwriter — would agree with that statement.

"I know, isn't it crazy," the 35-year-old rhetorically gushes. Sia's latest album, "We Are Born," discusses this mortal coil in passionate funk, soul and ballads. Not that she presumes to offer easy explanations, but her lyrics seem to possess a certain sagely grasp of life beyond the commercial schlep.

"We're all created by our environment when we're growing up," she says. "I don't think I was born this way, I think I was created. I've been tap dancing all my life." She pauses for a long moment. Does she mean literally or metaphorically?

"Literally, jazz tap dancing. Metaphorically, too, I guess. I'm a terrible real tap dancer, but I'm a fantastic metaphorical tap dancer."

Sia was tapping along quite nicely at the beginning of this millennium, living in London with the usual ups and downs. Then her boyfriend's death shook her so hard that she wrote the beautiful, heart-stopping "Breathe Me," which, when paired with the finale of HBO's series "Six Feet Under," blew up her career.

"I'd be in a very different place had they not put that song in there. I'd probably be a reiki master or a dog masseuse," she sighs. "A beast was born."

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'We Are' wandering

Sia's wanderlust has led to her keeping apartments in New York, London and Adelaide, Australia.

"My dream when I was a kid was to have a place in every major city. That is not my dream anymore. My dream is to decide where to have a place and throw all my stuff there.

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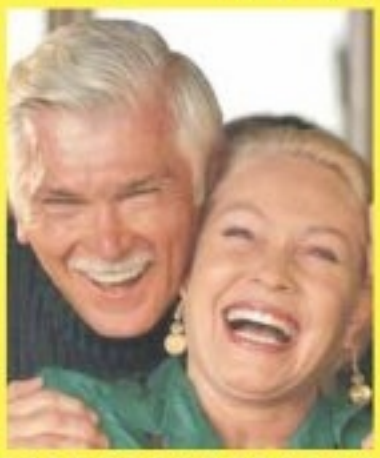

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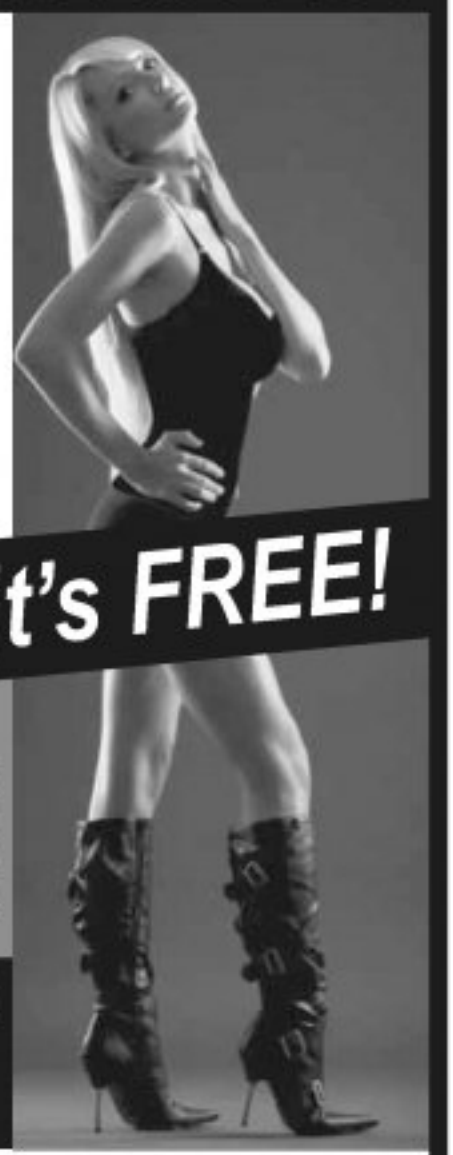

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TV watch list

'The Bachelorette'

REALITY. Who's betting Ashley Herbert decides to choose neither construction manager J.P. nor winemaker Ben F. for her happily ever after — but that lout Bentley will somehow return for her final rose? **Season finale, 8 p.m., ABC**

'Koran by Heart'

FILM. Muslims memorize the Koran — over 600 pages of it — to take part in the International Holy Koran Competition in Cairo. Meanwhile, some of us have a hard time remembering our gym locker combinations. **9 p.m., HBO**

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"Koran by Heart"

'Moby Dick'

MINISERIES. Ethan Hawke stars as Starbuck to William Hurt's Captain Ahab, solidifying Hawke's career as a sort of movie CliffsNotes to the classics — including "Great Expectations," "Hamlet" and "White Fang." **Premiere, 8 p.m., Encore** AMBER RAY

'True Blood': What's up with the creepy babies?

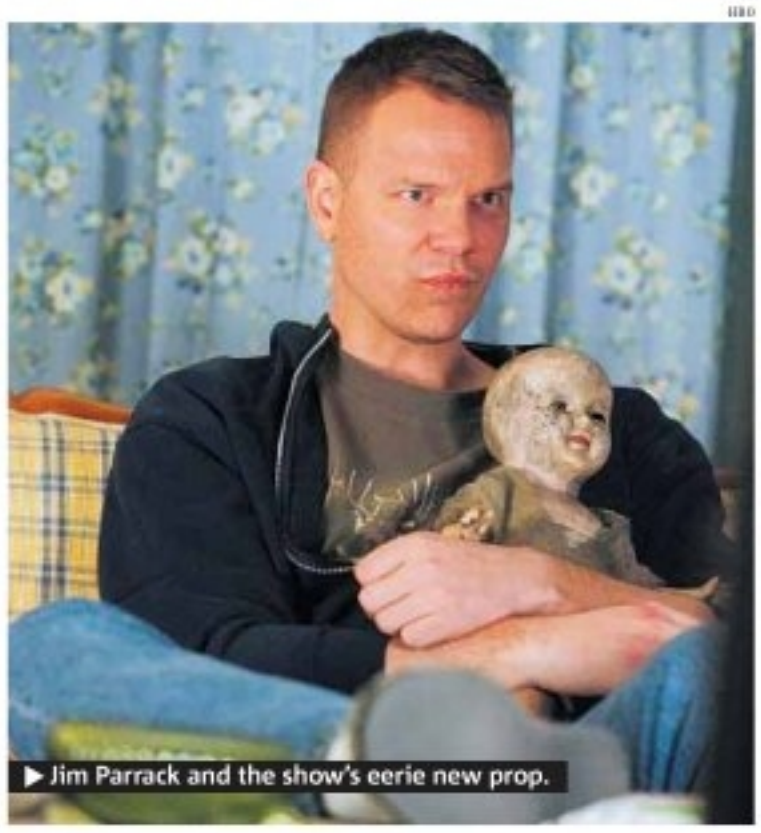
Creator Alan Ball on introducing a not-so-sweet little one to the series

Vampires, faeries, shifters, werewolves and witches all populate Bon Temps this season on "True Blood." But the character that's freaking us out the most? The creepy baby terrorizing momma Arlene (Carrie Preston) and daddy-through-marriage, Terry (Todd Lowe).

When speaking to journalists gathered at the Television Critics Press tour on Thursday, creator Alan Ball admitted it's "great to take a really angelic baby and put scary music [in the scene]." Indeed.

The child, biological son of Arlene's dead serial-killer ex, Rene (Michael Raymond-James), is now paired up with an even more terrifying tyke — the creepy baby doll.

"I think I actually wrote the script," Ball says of the introduction of the dirty, mangled plaything to the series last season. "Hoyt [Jim Parrack] and Jessica [Deborah Ann Woll] came together after a season of being apart, and they moved in, and he said, 'You know, let's go to New Hampshire. I'll become a minister and marry you,' and they hugged. And it just felt like, OK," Ball reminisces of the couple's almost-too-happy reunion. "So I said, 'There should be something weird, like maybe let's just put a creepy doll in.' So the camera tilts down, and you see a creepy doll. I had no idea where that was going to go. Then when we came back to work this season, I said, 'We've got to pick up that doll. We've got to figure out what's going on with that doll.' And, you know, that doll has found its way to the creepy baby."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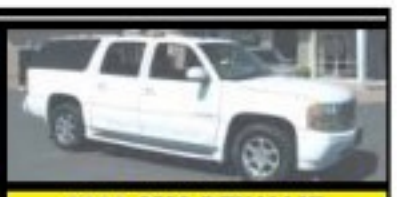
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'Cowboys & Aliens' ties 'Smurfs' at box office

Who would've thought that those tiny blue creatures could hold strong against Western warriors?

Sci-fi Western "Cowboys & Aliens" landed in a dead heat with animated family film "The Smurfs" at the weekend box office with each movie taking in about $36.2 million in U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to studio estimates released on Sunday.

Superhero flick "Captain America: The First Avenger" finished third with $24.9 million in ticket sales during its second weekend in theaters.

The weekend's other new release, "Crazy, Stupid, Love," opened at No. 5 with $19.3 million — more than enough to beat fellow rom-com "Friends With Benefits," but not enough to edge out "Harry Potter: Deathly Hallows Part 2." REUTERS

▶ "The Smurfs" duked it out and came up even against laser-toting cowboys Daniel Craig and Harrison Ford in "Cowboys & Aliens."

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The top 5

1. 'Cowboys & Aliens' and 'The Smurfs' $36.2 million
3. 'Captain America: The First Avenger' $24.9 million
4. 'Harry Potter: Deathly Hallows Part 2' $21.9 million
5. 'Crazy, Stupid, Love' $19.3 million

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For the second year, Kiehl's is participating in a LifeRide for amfAR — a seven-day charity motorcycle ride to benefit and raise awareness for HIV/Aids research. Over the course of the ride, Kiehl's will donate $75,000 to amfAR at events at each of its stops. The tour launches today at their Center City store (1737 Walnut St.), where you're invited to a kick-off party hosted by chef Jennifer Carroll of 10 Arts Bistro. Even better? For every customer who stops in, Kiehl's will donate $5 to amfAR, up to a $30,000 total donation.

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"The bulk of people will be in a category where there's a fair number of jobseekers out there that can also do that job," he continues. "For them, the only good news is that, generally, companies like to hire their first choice. It's psychological."

If you're lucky enough to be that choice, you might feel inclined to push your luck an inch further for a game of pay-grade poker.

You'll need to know what the job would earn you elsewhere, Lee stresses.

But most importantly, you need to know how the company works, how it hires and what kind of finances it has on hand.

"Some companies just have a budget," he cautions. "This is how much they have to pay, and they'll hire the best person they can get for that money."

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Don't speak first

"Early in the interview, the employer might start probing you for salary expectations," notes Ron Krannich, author of "Dynamite Salary Negotiations."

Don't fall for the bait, he warns. "It's like poker: Whoever reveals his hand first is at a disadvantage. If they ask, deflect. Say 'I'd like to learn more about the position before we talk salary.'"

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When they won't negotiate

"You may not be able to negotiate much if it's just the standard package that they're offering," Krannich says. But that doesn't mean you have to fold.

"Talk about advancement opportunities," he encourages. "Are they going to allow you to move into a higher position?"

Alternately, see if they'll move up your next salary review, but keep in mind that there are other factors to consider. "The important thing isn't money," he says. "It's finding a job you love."

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Think twice before you cross a temp position off your list.

When you're looking to start your career, it's easy to skip over temporary job listings. But before you set your filter to only full-time positions, consider the possible benefits of temping.

"A lot of young people want to get their dream job right away, but it's more of a marathon than a sprint," says Andy Teach, author of "From Graduation to Corporation: The Practical Guide to Climbing the Corporate Ladder One Rung at a Time." "It's something that everyone should consider, especially in this economy."

Here's why you may want to give temping a chance.

It can lead to a long-term position

Plenty of employers treat temp positions as an opportunity to test-drive a potential full-timer. But even if the project has a very limited time-frame, you still have the chance to network with managers who may have openings. "Find a company you really want to work for. If it's a great working environment, it's worth just getting in there," says Teach. "You have to think long-term — you'll be down the hall from the people you want to talk to."

Networking

It's time to get LinkedIn.

Been ignoring those LinkedIn reminders to complete your profile since you signed up two years ago? Log in and fill it out immediately, advises Teach: "Employers are looking at it — they're really checking it now. For some, it's like you're invisible if you're not on LinkedIn."

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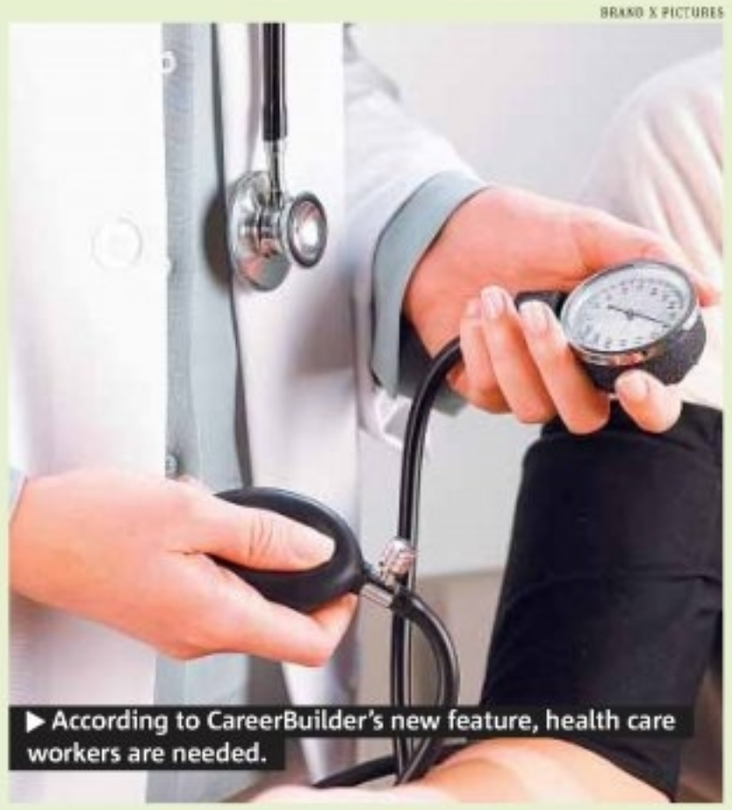

▶ According to CareerBuilder's new feature, health care workers are needed.

A new feature on CareerBuilder.com evaluates which industries are in demand by compiling data from 45 million jobs, 40 million résumés and 140 million worker profiles. Originally designed for employers in industries with worker shortages, the "Supply & Demand Portal" can also be used by job-seekers thinking about their next moves.

According to data from the last six months, the portal identified cloud computer developers as the most in-demand, with .32 job-hunters for every open position and an average salary of $100,000.

Coming in at No. 2 were registered nurses ($65,000 per year), who also benefit from more available jobs than applicants (.38 for every opening). Increased demand for health care services also contributed to health care administrators ranking seventh. With an average salary of $88,000, there are 2.25 seekers for each position. METRO

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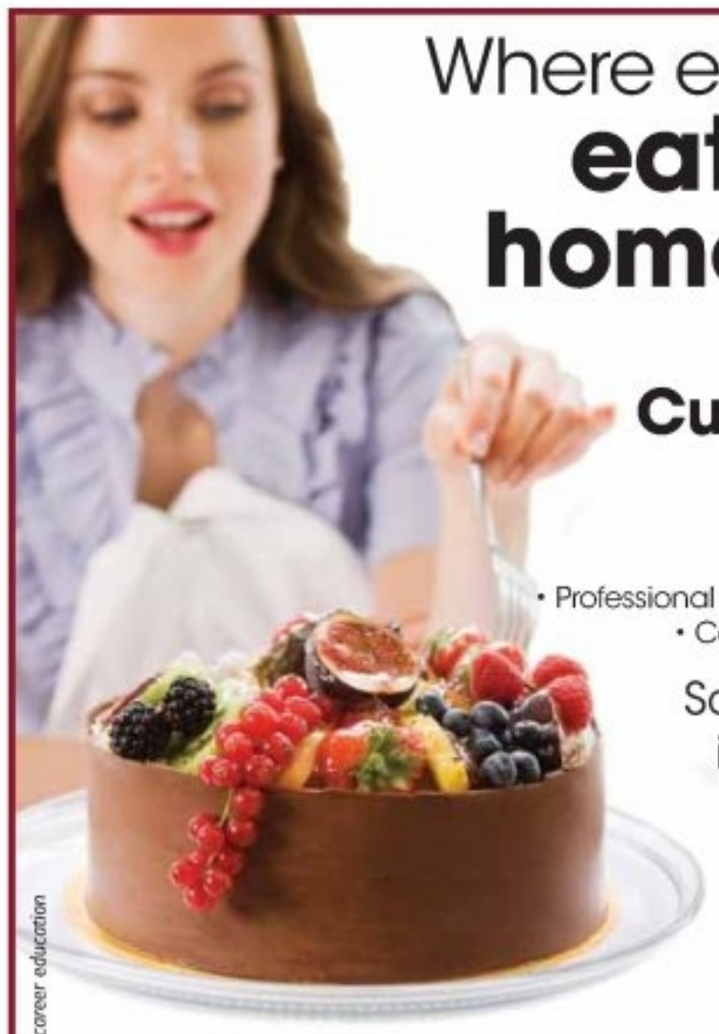

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Don't ask a fox to guard hens

Relying on Republicans to fix the economy is like putting a fox in charge of the hen house. Let's not forget, it was a Republican president, a Republican Senate and a Republican House that drove our economy into the ground.
JEAN INGLIS, VIA E-MAIL

Give them just what they want

What you are witnessing is not an accident; it is all in the plan. Boom and bust is the design. Boom, working people create wealth out of labor. Bust, banks collapse the available currency and steal the wealth for pennies on the dollar. How many times do the people have to see this story to get it?
CHARLES COUCH, VIA E-MAIL

Most of the American people just do not understand the amount of damage the criminal ruling plutocracy has done to the country in the past 30 years.
ARTHUR A. MASSUCCO, VIA E-MAIL

Atheists look like fanatics

I am an atheist, and I am very disappointed in the group American Atheists for opposing the inclusion of a surviving section of beams in a 9/11 museum because the structure has been associated with a Christian cross. This remnant was not constructed to be a religious symbol. In choosing this battle, the members of American Atheists seem, ironically, more like religious extremists.
DAVID TERHUNE, VIA E-MAIL

More debate on taxing the rich

Allowing lower taxes for the rich makes sense only if the money that is not taxed is used for the economy, to spur job creation for U.S. citizens. However, money allowed by generous tax breaks to corporations is not generally used to keep Americans working. To the contrary, this money is spent to create jobs elsewhere in the world like China, Taiwan and India.
HENRY T. GAUDSMITH, VIA E-MAIL

There seems to be much confusion about taxes, paying your fair share and who should pay more. The people who pay the highest taxes get the most benefit from a tax reduction. Tax them too much, attack them for being wealthy, and they just may not show up anymore. In fact, they might move overseas — where the atmosphere is somewhat friendlier.
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Horoscope

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Before turning down all of your ideas, you should put them to the test. A few of them that you've thought dubious will work out better than you think.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Although you can be a doubter more often than a believer, don't hesitate to follow the financial projections you and another have diligently researched and now believe in.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you hope to successfully sell your ideas, do not circumvent any of the issues. When you have an important point to make, be as direct as you are able.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Have faith in being able to achieve positive fulfillments, and don't let doubt dash your hopes. Certain factors that aren't obvious to you or others will be working out to your benefit.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Those who like you want good things to happen for you, so don't be fearful of imposing upon a good friend for a special favor. She or he will be delighted to help out.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Do what you can to achieve an important objective, because direct and strong action is the only way it'll ever be accomplished.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Instead of weaving your way through subordinates who have no power, go straight to the head honcho for what you want.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you hold firmly to your beliefs about a commercial arrangement and what you expect from it, things could go rather well. Just remember to be fair.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Although you do well working on your own, you'd do better teaming up with someone who has skills you don't possess. If you can ally with someone to achieve better results, do so.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Because you're someone who has had the patience to wait it out, seeds you've sown in the past should be ready for harvest — making for a profitable and productive day for you.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you take the time to use your organizational skills, you will be able to control most developments that might arise with great efficacy. The one exception may be your own resources.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** As long as you and your mate don't clash and get in each other's way, your collective efforts will greatly please both of you. It pays to be supportive instead of combative.
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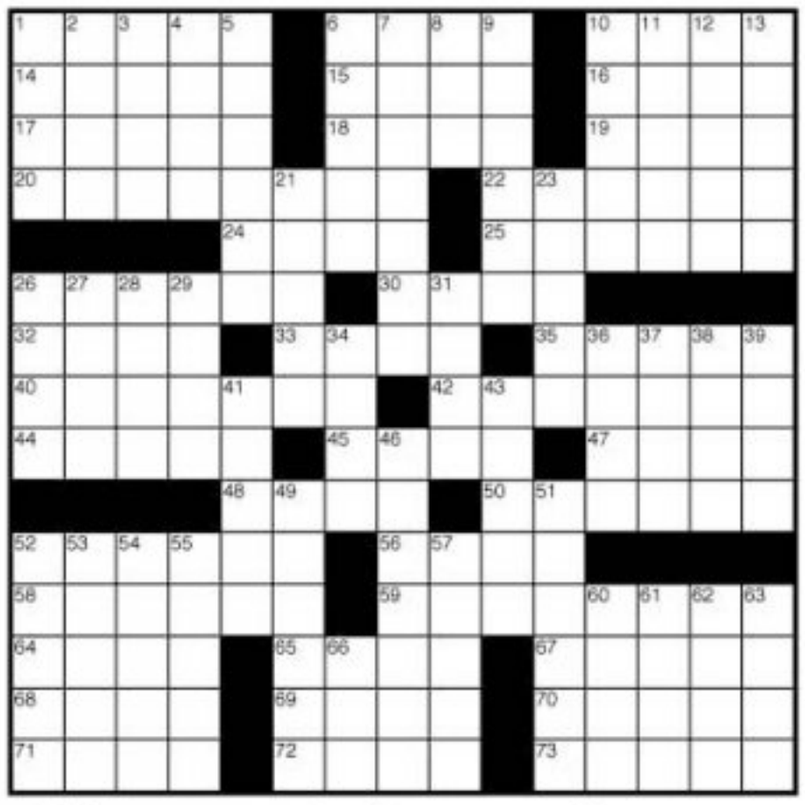

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

Solution to weekend's crossword

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Asomugha had Philly listed as top destination since March ◗ Vick, Jackson started recruiting at last year's Pro Bowl ◗ Corner praises team's 'championship feel'

The recruiting began at the Pro Bowl. By March, it was a no-brainer. The NFL's No. 1 free agent wanted to become a Philadelphia Eagle.

"To a man, and woman, everybody that was on my team, they knew that the No. 1 team was the Eagles from March when we were looking at teams," Nnamdi Asomugha said. "There were a handful of teams at that point. When the Eagles became a possibility, we knew it was a match."

Asomugha said quarterback Michael Vick did a "mini-recruiting pitch" at last year's Pro Bowl. DeSean Jackson kept it going with texts and phone calls throughout the offseason.

"When a team wants you, you can feel it," Asomugha said.

The Eagles did want Asomugha, who signed a five-year, $60 million deal with $25 million guaranteed. While Asomugha can't practice until Thursday, when the league year begins, he showed up at Lehigh yesterday and spoke glowingly of his new bosses.

"I think from top to bottom in the organization, it's first-class, with the head coach, president, GM, owner, all the way down to the players," he said. "It has a championship feel to it."

That's a new feeling for the 30-year-old cornerback. He's never sniffed the postseason while playing in Oakland for the past eight seasons. Asomugha said he wouldn't even watch the NFL playoffs.

"It was depressing," Asomugha said.

The Eagles have qualified for the playoffs nine times under coach Andy Reid, but they haven't been able to win the big one. This year, with the bold additions of Asomugha, Cullen Jenkins and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, Reid's team might want to book a few rooms in Indianapolis.

"The No. 1 goal when you come into this league is to win the championship," Asomugha said. "You hear every team say it every year, you know, 'We want to win the Super Bowl, that's our goal.' It's the only reason you play."

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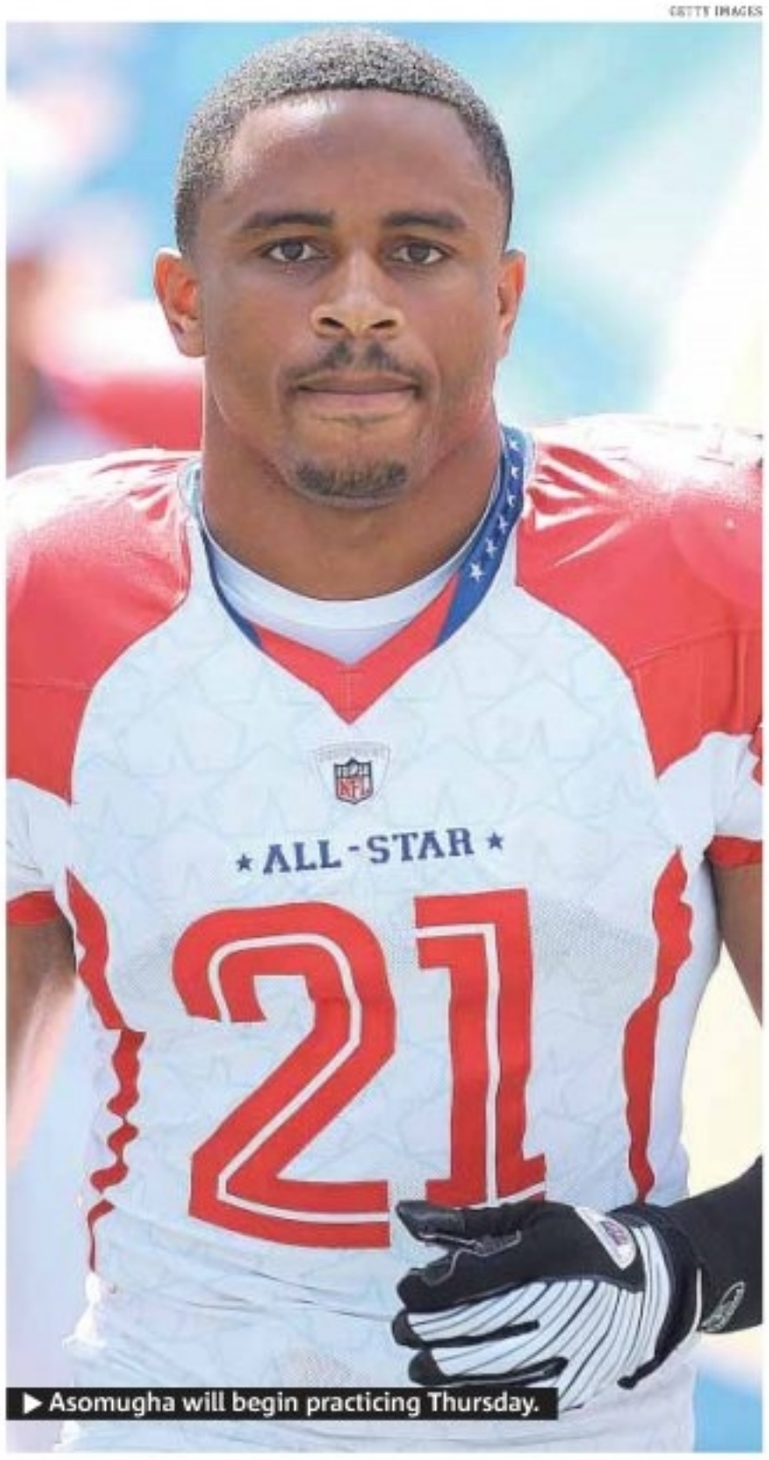

▶ Asomugha will begin practicing Thursday.

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Numbers game

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▶ Hanson

Asomugha has worn No. 21 for the duration of his career. Since that already belongs to nickel corner Joselio Hanson, Asomugha will wear No. 24. Proudly.

- "I'm not going to come in here and try and take over everything," **Asomugha said.** "He's been here, so it was point blank: 'Does it mean something to you?' and he said, 'Yeah, it does.' That's all I needed to hear."
- Some players offer money or gifts to keep their old number. But Asomugha said he won't do that.

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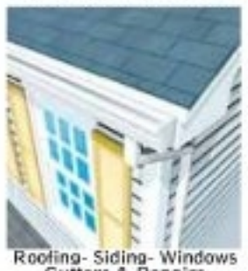

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The proposal, which is the result of months of negotiations between the Obama administration and automakers, would require the companies to reach an average fuel efficiency across their U.S. fleets of 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025.

"This agreement on fuel standards represents the single most important step we've ever taken as a nation to reduce our dependence on foreign oil," Obama said.

Flanked by top automaker executives, Obama said the new rules would lower the country's oil use by 2.2 million barrels a day over the next 15 years.

High costs

The Center for Automotive Research projected bringing cars and trucks to a 56 miles per gallon CAFE standard would cost about $6,700 per vehicle. The study has been criticized for overestimating the cost of technologies.

"Can we do it? Well, we put a man on the moon; of course, we can do this," said Fadel Gheit, senior analyst at Oppenheimer.

While fleets would be required to reach corporate average fuel economy, or CAFE, standards of 54.5 mpg, under real world driving conditions that can sap fuel economy, consumers will likely get fewer miles per gallon in many cases.

The goal is still a major step up from current standards that require auto makers to achieve 35.5 mpg by 2016.

"Many OPEC oil ministers are now having sleepless nights, because of the millions of barrels of oil ... the U.S. will now not be importing," Democratic U.S. Rep. Edward Markey said. Markey was co-author of the law that mandated higher fuel economy standards. REUTERS

Some, not all, support

General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota and Honda have all backed Obama's plan.

The new program includes average increases in fuel economy of 5 percent for cars and 3.5 percent for light trucks through 2021, with a 5 percent increase for all vehicles after that.

"We have a challenge on trucks, but we think this is a fair way to handle it," Ford Vice President Sue Cischke said.

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